

## United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

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Charlotte, NC 28202  
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Internet: www.ncwd.uscourts.gov

Number of Judgeships: 7

Number of Vacancies: 2

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey

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### Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

Chief Judge

Education: Clemson 1980 BA; Virginia 1983 JD  
Began Service: June 3, 2005  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, North Carolina - Western District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1981-1983); Associate, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1983-1986); Partner, Horn & Conrad (1986-1987); Attorney, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., PA (1987-1988); Partner, Bush Thurman & Conrad (1988)

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### Richard Lesley Voorhees

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Davidson 1963 BA; North Carolina 1968 JD  
Began Service: October 28, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor (part-time), Gaston College (1980)

**Government:** Member, Board of Elections, County of Gaston, North Carolina (1970-1972)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1991-1998); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (2006)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray; Partner, Garland & Alala (1974-1980); Richard L. Voorhees Law Firm (1980-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1963-1965); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1965-1969)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

### Staff

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### Frank D. Whitney

District Judge

Date of Birth: November 1959  
Education: Wake Forest 1982 BA; North Carolina 1987 MBA, 1987 JD  
Began Service: July 2006  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

### Staff

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### Martin Karl Reidinger

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1958  
Education: North Carolina 1981 BS, 1984 JD  
Began Service: September 17, 2007  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1984-1989); Shareholder, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1989-2007)

### Staff

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### Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: North Carolina 1973 AB; Cumberland 1976 JD  
Began Service: March 14, 2011  
Appointed By: President Barack Obama

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, Chambers of Magistrate Judge Max O. Cogburn, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1995-2004)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Cogburn, Cogburn, Goosmann & Brazil, P.A. (1995); Partner, Cogburn, Goosmann, Brazil & Rose, P.A. (2004-2006); Partner, Cogburn & Brazil, P.A. (2006-2011)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

### Staff

Career Law Clerk **David K. Davis** ..... (828) 771-7250  
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### Chambers of Senior Judge Graham C. Mullen

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### Graham C. Mullen

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Duke 1962 BA, 1969 JD  
Began Service: October 25, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mullen, Holland, Cooper, Morrow, Wilder & Sumner (1969-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1962-1966)

### Chambers of Senior Judge Graham C. Mullen continued

**Current Memberships:** Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina State Bar

### Staff

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### David C. Keesler

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1962  
Education: North Carolina 1984 BA; Virginia 1987 JD  
Began Service: May 3, 2004  
Term Expires: May 2012

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association

### Staff

Career Law Clerk **Andrew D. Taylor III** ..... (704) 350-7430  
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### David S. Cayer

Magistrate Judge

### Staff

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### Chambers of Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell

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### Dennis L. Howell

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 5, 2004

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